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THE TRUE STATE OF *TRINITY COLLEGE*, IN A LETTER To a Residing Fellow of that Society:

WHEREIN

The trifling Impertinencies, malicious Aspersions, and bold Falshoods of Dr. BENTLEY, are answer'd in such a Manner as they deserve.

Publish'd for the Information of the Students, Scholars and Fellows of both Universities.

Nullius addictus jurare in verba Magistri.

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THE
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LIBERTY.

The true STATE OF *Trinity College*, &c.

SIR,

I Have seen a Criminal look big and bully it in the Face of a Court of Justice, where he was suddenly to receive Sentence. Nay, some have carry'd Matters so high as to put on a bold Air, and make an awkward Jest even when they were going up *Holbourn-Hill*. I don't know what could suggest these unlucky Thoughts to me unless it was the reading of a late Pamphlet, suppps'd to be writ by Dr. *B.* but if there be a possibility of smelling out an Author, by his Style, I should rather think it Penn'd by some *recent Sophist*; For tho' it has much of the same modest Air and Integrity with his former Lucubrations, yet provided a *Syn-dike* or two were call'd in *to defalk a few odd recremental Words, it has* little or no-thing

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thing of the Doctor's *sameness of Expression*. Give me leave, Sir, first to handle the unknown Publisher of this scandalous Pamphlet; I shall afterwards take an Opportunity of laying open the Notorious Doctor, who has the Reputation of being the Author of it: The Doctor I know will easily pardon this Preference to the *Gentleman of the Temple*, because he seems to be very intimately acquainted with him; and indeed if I could contrive Matters handsomely, I would consider them both together; but Mr. *Publisher* has the Honour of opening the Campaign, and we must first observe his Motions.

And really he does it with a great deal of Prudence and Candour, by endeavouring, in a villainous Manner, to asperse and vilifie the greater Part of as learned and worthy a Society as any in Christendom. *I must confess*, (says he) *the more I considered the Answer, the higher my Indignation was raised at the Malice and Impudence of the Accusers. Thus far I take the Liberty to say (for having a List of the Subscribers Names, I made it my Business to enquire after their Characters) that it is no wonder to find Enemies to the present Administration, uneasie under the good Discipline of their own College*; and a little

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after he joins us in very good Company; *There is nothing*, (says he) *to be said in their Excuse, but that the present Best Ministry does not escape their severest Censures*: Speaking of some Reverend Divines of the City of *London*.

We shall answer this unknown Gentleman of the *Temple* in a judicial way, as soon as we can discover his Person: But after all, I don't take him to be a Gentleman of the *Temple*, for I have too great an Esteem for that Honourable Society to think they have any such scandalous Wretch among them. No, a Gentleman of the *Temple*, if he had known any Persons to have been Enemies to the Government, would have prosecuted them in due Course of Law, and not laid himself open to the Law, by his false and malicious Aspersions. He will be found, I believe, to be either some hot-headed Under Agent of the Doctors, or some two-handed Flail-bearer, whom Nature seems to have design'd rather for a Thresher than a Writer of Prefaces. He must be some Ass in a Lion's Skin, and when we have taken off his Coat of Mail, we shall deliver him into the Hands of the Gentlemen of the *Temple*, or some others of that Honourable Profession, to use him as he deserves for the

Reflection he has cast upon them as well as upon us.

But from the abuse of the Fellows he seems naturally to fall into the Praise of the Doctor; and the Doctor I don't question within a Page or two will be as much obliged to him as the Fellows are. But for what does he praise him? For his great Incouragement of *Vertue and Learning*. These things are very Commendable, if true, and no doubt Mr. *Publisher* was well assur'd of the Truth of them. He knew very well that Dr. *B.* had been a great Incourager of Piety, by his own *Example*; that he seldom or never was absent from the Prayers of the *College*; that his Behaviour, during the time of Divine Service, was always very decent and solemn. I see Mr. *Publisher* is very well acquainted with the Doctor, he knows his hidden *Excellencies*, such as the whole *College* in Ten Years time could never, by the nicest Observation of him, discover the least Shadow of. And then for the Incouragement of Learning, I must own every Species of it, especially Divinity (the main and principal Study injoin'd us by the Statutes) has been very much encourag'd of late in *Trinity College*: Divinity has been so much in the Sunshine, that we can name one Person who has by the Doctor been entirely diverted

diverted from it, *By what can you expect to get by Divinity?* And another, whom we ſhrewdly ſuſpect to be the Publiſher of this Letter, has with little or no Trouble, made ſuch prodigious Improvements that way, that he diſputes with the ableſt Divines in the Univerſity; and they tell me that under the happy Influences of Dr. *B.* (tho' the young Man's Studies have lain altogether another way) he is become ſo keen and formidable a Diſputant, that he is ſhun'd like the Plague.

I beg Pardon for this ſmall Digreſſion; I think I left him in the Praiſes of Dr. *B.* 'tis a Buſineſs he ſeems to be wonderfully delighted withal, and let him produce the moſt ſhining Names in the Commonwealth of Learning, who have mention'd Dr. *B.* with diſtinguiſhing Appellations, no leſs than *Eruditiſſimus præſtantiſſimus* Πολυμαθέστατος, *illuſtris, vir ſupra captum ſeculi ſui Doctus, maximum literarum noſtrarum decus & incrementum, vir inſigni & reconditâ Doctrinâ. Vir conſummatiſſimâ eruditione, &c.* I am almoſt tir'd with theſe *Latin* Commendations, let's have a few now in our own Languague. The Honourable Mr. *Boyle*, now E. of *O.* has publiſh'd an admirable Collection of the Dr's. Encomium, in a Book intitul'd, *Dr. B's Diſſertation on* Phalaris, *examin'd.*

amin'd. I have it now by me, and after the manner of *Tom Folio*, and the reſt of his Brethren the truly learn'd, am conſulting the *Index*, where I find theſe ſhining Stroaks among others in the Dr's. Commendation: A ſhort Account of his *ſingular Humanity, of his Integrity in relating Matters of Fact, his elegant* Similie's, *his clean and genteel Metaphors, his nice Taſte, his Modeſty and Decency in contradicting Great Men, his Happin ſs in confident Aſſertions; and laſtly, his ſurpriſing Conſequences.* Theſe indeed I take to be very ſhining Encomiums, ſuch as the learn'd World is pleas'd to beſtow on few or none but the Dr. on whom I have a Scrutore full of Panegyricks ready to produce on any proper occaſion, ſome penn'd by his own Hand, (and then they muſt be Originals) and others by Gentlemen, who in reality are better Friends to him than he ever yet was to himſelf. As for Mr. *Publiſher*, I ſhall diſmiſs him at preſent with this ſmall piece of Advice, That he wou'd do well to have more regard to Truth when he ſpeaks or writes of the Fellows or Maſter of *Trinity-College*: Dr. *B.* may uſe him as he as he pleaſes for the many falſe Reflections he has pour'd upon him; but I can aſſure him, the Fellows of that So-

ciety have a juſt Senſe of the falſe and malicious Aſperſions he has caſt upon them, and will certainly redreſs themſelves in that manner that the Law directs. I don't know what Excuſe I can make for being in the dirty Company of the unknown Mr. *Publiſher* ſo long, unleſs it be, that I can hardly mend myſelf in that of the *moſt celebrated* Dr. But before I enter into Particulars with him, I hope he will pardon me if I follow his great Example, and by the help of one of his ſurpriſing Conſequences, give him to underſtand that his *Unanſwerable Anſwer* (according to his modeſt way of expreſſing himſelf) is already anſwer'd; nay, that I have not only confuted what he has ſaid, but what he ſhall ſay for the future too. Borrowing therefore a little of Dr. *B*'s genteel and concluſive way of Arguing, which I ſhall only make uſe of to oblige him a Minute, and reſtore it immediately to its Proprietor; thus I open, 'tis notorious in fact, that the Publiſher of a late Pamphlet, Intitl'd, *The Preſent State of* Trinity-College, is a ſcandalous Wretch, one that has no Regard either to Honour or Truth, that has made it his Buſineſs to traduce Men of Worth and Learning, and that deſerves richly to be carted on that account for his Impudence;

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and this I take to be a fair Solution of what either has or can be ſaid in the Dr's. Defence; nay, ſtart not at a Conſequence of your own Dr. for calling Names and Confuting are with you the ſame thing.

The Fellows of *Trinity-College* have appeal'd to the Biſhop of *Ely* on the 40th Statute, intitl'd *De Magiſtri (ſi res exigat) amotione*, in which Complaint they promiſe, within a convenient time, to prove that Dr. *B.* has waſted the College Revenue and violated the College Statutes, by inflicting Puniſhments on Fellows and Scholars, without the Conſent of a *Majority of Seniors*, and I am well aſſur'd they can prove every branch of their Petition: Any Man of common Senſe wou'd have anſwer'd this in direct Terms, *I am not guilty*, and deſire your Lordſhip to do me Juſtice againſt a Set of ſeditious Fellows, who will not be govern'd according to their own Statutes; but Dr. *B. Vir ſupra captum ſeculi ſui Doctus*, ſcorns to make uſe of a method ſo vulgar, and therefore returns an Anſwer altogether of another ſtrain, *viz.* by affirming that moſt of the Subſcribers are *ſcandalous*, *lazy*, *drunken* Sots. Take his own Words in a lump together, *Men of proſtigate Lives, every way unqualify'd for the Stations they hold*

hold: Scandalous, insufficient in Learning, Wretches whose Commendations wou'd be more scandalous than their Railing; idle Drones, vile and worthless, Dregs and Recruments, Beasts at Ephesus. These Overflowings of the Dr's. good Nature, in relation to the Society, and some Encomiums on himself, blended together and dish'd up with a few of his Truths, are the sum of this Unanswerable Answer. But we shall see the force of his Reasoning the better, if we draw it into a lesser Compass. We accuse him of Crimes, which by the Statute, deserve Expulsion; he answers he does not deserve it, because his Accusers are a *Pack of Rogues and Fools, and Sons of Whores, and confounded Logger-heads, and illiterate Whelps and nonsensical Scoundrels*: This I think may fairly be allow'd to be one of the Dr's surprising Consequences, the Decency of whose Language, I think the abus'd Fellows may smile at, and thank their Stars (considering that the Dr. has not taken a controversial Purge these ten Years) that they come so sweetly off. *Tale of a Tub.*

I shall now do my self the Honour to accompany the Doctor quite through his whole good natur'd, clean piece of *Wit and Truth*, shewing the weakness of his Arguments, and baiting now and then

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for the Readers eaſe, at an important Criticiſm: But when he is diſpos'd to diſplay his Talent at Drollery, Billingſgate, or picking of Straws, I muſt beg his pardon, if I withdraw and leave him to himſelf: 'Tis an Employment, quite *aliene* to my *Negoce* at preſent, and picking of Straws, to which the Doctor ſeems to be ſo wonderfully addicted, does in my humble Opinion belong to Students of another ſort of College, than that which I have the Honour to be a member of.

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Now it falls out very unluckily, that a firſt rate Critick as Dr. *B.* is allow'd to be by the *Oxonians* themſelves, ſhould ſtumble at the very Threſhold of his Epiſtle, and call that a Falſhood, which every Hawker in the Street can prove true. *The Fellows* (ſays our *Engliſh* Scaliger) *ought to ſignify no leſs than all the Fellows*; if ſo, how long has the World been impos'd upon with impropriety of Speech, being made to believe by the Speakers Name at the bottom that they had the true genuine Votes of the Houſe of Commons? Which they never had, if in ſtrict Propriety of Speech, the Houſe of Commons ought to imply every individual of that Auguſt Aſſembly, becauſe from the beginning to the end of a Seſſion, the

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whose number is never there. 'Tis the same in Petty Juries, Grand Juries, Corporations, Elections and Addresses, for which Reason, I cited the numerous gang of Hawkers, whose Evidence I think cannot be excepted against by the Doctor; who though he disputes the *infallibility of Eight to One*, cannot handsomly refuse submitting to the Verdict of so numerous and critical a Jury of Matrons. And after all, is it not very diverting to find a Genius like the Doctors, born for the Reformation of Colleges and Presses, stoop so low as to encounter a Lawyers Clerk? For *The Petition of the Fellows*, &c. was not writ by Mr. *Miller*, but an Indorsment added by his Clerk, to distinguish our Petition from other loose Papers, scatter'd about in his Masters Chambers. Let. p. 33.

But if the World will believe Dr. *B. Those who refuse their concurrence in this Petition, are not only more in Number than the Subscribers, but superiour in Worth and Regulation, and most of them would subscribe an Address, in Terms quite contrary to this Complaint.* In which there are three Assertions, and every one of them false. The Doctor, in the beginning and at the close of his Letter, has divided the Members of *Trinity* College into two Parties; Let. p. 7. 8.

Parties; they whose Names are at the beginning, and have subscrib'd the Petition, he has the Modesty to confess, are *for the most part against him*; but they whose Names are at the end of his Pamphlet, he would fain persuade himself, and such as are Ignorant of the late Proceedings in the College, are all together for him, and *most of them would subscribe a Petition in Terms quite contrary to our Complaint.* I perceive the Doctor was afraid he shou'd not be able to keep together this good Company for him long, and so he is forc'd to restrain his usual Talent, to be very sweet upon them, *They are not only Superior in Number, but much more so in Worth and Reputation, bieng the very Flower and main Hope of the College.*—— And again, *being indeed the sole Satisfaction to me for the loss of my Time and Study, in ten years Drudgery and Fighting with Beasts at* Ephesus. But can the Doctor, after all his sweetness, assure himself that all the Gentlemen at the close of his Pamphlet are his Friends? I believe upon Examination, it will appear that some of them have been pressed in contrary to their Inclinations, that others are Neuters, and that several would be Subscribers. One of them publickly affirm'd, he would spend five hundred Pound in Defence of

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the Society againſt the Incroachments of the Maſter. Another actually appear'd Mr. J. M. againſt him before the Biſhop of *Ely*, and is ready to increaſe the number of Subſcribers with Hand and Heart. A third actually ſent up his Name to be in- Mr. J. M. ſerted in our Liſt, which had then been preſented to the Biſhop, and could not be inlarg'd. A fourth deſires that he may Mr. C. L. have Juſtice done him as to his Name in this Anſwer. Five of the reſt have often publickly declar'd themſelves againſt his arbitrary Proceedings. Seven others may be reaſonably ſuppos'd to know nothing of the Matter; one of them having been out of the Kingdom a conſiderable time, the reſt living quietly in the Country: And, laſtly, he has added ſix others, who are not *Maſters of Arts*, and therefore not concern'd in our preſent Difference. But I ſhall go a clearer way to work, and I hope convince the moſt prejudic'd of his Friends, that Dr. *B.* is not that publick Spirited, downright, ſincere, honeſt Incourager of Vertue and Learning, as they imagine; but a ſubtle, deſigning Promoter of his own Intereſt, under the Umbrage of Reformation and Diſcipline, by the baſeſt Methods imaginable. The Doctor may remember, I'm ſure he will, *(obliviſci enim nihil*

nihil solet nisi injurias) that sometime about *Michaelmas* last, his Agents handed a Paper about the College, to get Subscribers to an Honourable Composition for the Charge of his Lodg, and to the new fangled Project of Dividends. The illegallity of this tumultous way of Proceeding in stirring up some of the Junior Fellows against the Seniors, and endeavouring to ruin their Authority, will be discussed in another place: After his Creatures had done their utmost, pray'd, intreated, sollicited, threatned; nay one Mr. *W. A.* of the Doctors *Premiere Minister* was so intent upon the matter, that during the time of Divine Service, he had this Paper of the Doctor's in his Hand, and was very devoutly importunate with his next Neighbour for his Concurrence: After all these unfair means, he could muster no more than the Hands of M. *Eden*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Rudd*, Mr. *Asbenhurst*, Mr. *Franks*, Mr. *Hussy*, Mr. *Walker*, Mr. *Johnson*. The number we see is soon counted over, no more than Eight; and supposing these were all of them Volunteers, I don't see what Reason he has to make such triumphant flourishes about his Superiority of Number. The Doctor may flourish and joke as he pleases, 'tis his Talent, but we must be serious with him,

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and tell him, that three of his above-mention'd Friends were only Probationers, and had no more Right to subscribe his Paper than to intermeddle with the Government of the *College*; two were Tutors, and therefore in a manner press'd Men; and as for the rest, I shall borrow a few of the Dr's. own Words, and assure the World, *That I must omit their great Characters, as not having room to say enough of them.* May we not insult him on this occasion, in his own Language, *What an Indignity, what an Affront is this to a* Visitor *to lay such stuff before him?* to pretend that he has the Superiority in Number now, when he had not above five that wou'd stand by him, when he was in a much better Condition than he seems to be at present in. *What Stuff is it* to put up false Colours, and endeavour to perswade the World, that all those whose Names are at the End of his Letter, are his Friends, when I dare pawn the Merit of the Cause upon it, that unless it were in compassion to his good Lady and Family, he could not get so many Subscribers in *Trinity College*, to save him from Transportation? The Reader I hope, will pardon the last hard Word; indeed I shou'd not have made use of it, had he not lately threatned

one of his *Recremental Fellows* with Tranſportation, for an imaginary groundleſs Crime, ſuppos'd to be committed in his Youth above 20 Years ago.

This I think ſufficient to confute his pretended Superiority of Number: 'Tis for the Maſter's Advantage that his Friends ſhou'd be thought the very Flower and main Hope of the College; but every Man of them, I dare ſay, knows us and themſelves ſo well, that they will not aſſert a Superiority of worth: That's only a Complement of the Dr's, which any of the *Beaſts at* Epheſus might have had, if they wou'd tamely have crouch'd under his Burdens; and they are very much miſtaken in their Man, if they think he is in earneſt; for every one that knows Dr. *B.* knows alſo, that the vaſt Beam of his own ſingular Worth caſts ſuch a ſhade on every Object on which he vouchſafes to turn his Eye, that he never yet cou'd diſcover any Merit without himſelf. Bluſh Maſter, if there be any Senſe of ſhame left in you, if your Skin be not as thick as the ſevenfold ſhield of *Ajax!*

Callim. Fragm. per Bentl. p. 370.

——Εἴ σε περιδδεύς
Ἔπλασε χὠ πίλυς μὴ ξ ἑτέρυ γένοντο.

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But neither Mr. *Miller*, nor the Junior Fellows, nor the Senior Fellows, have any right *of petitioning againſt the Maſter*. Not the firſt, becauſe *Statutably expell'd*; that's begging the Queſtion, Mr. *Profeſſor*, and not to be determin'd by your Worſhip's ſole Will and Pleaſure. *But were he now as much a Fellow as ever, he has no Right to offer a Complaint againſt the Maſter*, being unqualify'd by the 40th Chap. of the Statutes, out of which he quotes theſe Words, *Vice Magiſter & reliqui Seniores vel major pars eorum rem omnem Viſitatori aperiant.* In the Name of *Burgeſdicius*, *Crakanthorp*, *Meſſieurs de Port Royal*, and all the Maſters of that exquiſite Art of Quibbling regularly, call'd in the School by the Name of *Logic*, impoſe not ſuch ſurpriſing Conſequences on the World! You have taken an Oath, you ſay, to interpret the Statutes truly, ſincerely, and entirely according to the Grammatical Senſe, *p.* 34. Why then are the Words *in Perſon* diſtinguiſh'd by a Star, when no ſuch thing is imply'd in the Words quoted by you? Is there no other way of laying open the whole Matter to the *Viſitor*, unleſs five old Gentlemen take a toilſome Journey to *London* or *Ely*, and Face to Face, give an Account of their Grievances? May Letter, p. 9, 10.

not the Bishop be inform'd of any irregular Proceedings by Letter, without putring the *College* to the Charge of a solemn Deputation? May they not write this Letter themselves? or if the Business be of great Importance, get a Lawyer to draw it up, and present it too, if he is so civil as to offer his Service? Thus I am sure the whole matter may be laid open to the *Visitor*; and it was not done like a Man of Honour to add those unstatutable Words *in Person*, nor like a Man of Sense, to honour them with a Star, which only serves to make the Difference more remarkable, and draw the Reader's Eye to the *Latin* Citation, which discovers the Imposture at first sight.

Neither have the Junior Fellows a Right of Complaining, because they can know nothing personally but barely by Report, and such Report too as is positively forbid by Statute. Unhappy Fellows of *Trinity College*, who may be trampl'd under Foot, stripp'd of all the valuable Birth-rights of *Englishmen*, and yet be not at liberty to make their Sufferings known; Nature we are sure is not so hard upon us, nor the Laws of the Land, nor the Precepts of the Gospel, and therefore we expect a more positive Proof than the Master's Assertion, a plain

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Statute ſtrictly injoyning abſolute, uncondition'd, paſſive Obedience in the inferior Members of the Society, that it ſhall not be lawful for them to ſeek Redreſs againſt any Inchroachments or Injuries: For the Conſequence we think will not hold Water, let the *Vice-Maſter* and the reſt of the *Seniors* or Majority of them, lay open the whole Matter; therefore the *Fellows* who are not of the Seniority, have no Right to make any Complaint. If this be a juſt Inference, *farewel Learning, Sobriety, and Dividends*; for if the Maſter, by applying ſuitable Baits, terrifying ſome with his Reſentment, and ſeducing others with Hopes of Preferment in *College* or at *Court*, can ſecure to his Side four Seniors, they may melt down the *College* Plate and make it circulate in currant Coin, they may ſhut up the Gates and ſend us grazing, they may canton the Eſtate into ſuch and ſuch Parcels; the Maſter ſeize on the *College* Fabric (as he calls it) and convert it into a *Verſailles*, retaining about him the Sizers and Beadſmen as *Guards du Corps* of the Prince of *Trinity*, and his four faithful Vaſſals be ſent as Deputies into the four Corners of *Britain* once a Year to collect the Revenue, and bring it ſafe into his Exchequer. By and by the Rea-

der will think me in Jeſt, but as the Maſter, with reference to his Criticiſm on Mr. *Miller*'s Verſion of *reliqui ſeptem*, crys out, *I am very ſerious, my Lord*, I beg the Reader to believe I am as grave as if I argu'd in Mood and Figure. For if there was not ſome likelihood that the Queen wou'd have an Eye on Her Library Keeper, I can ſee nothing that could hinder him from taking his Degree of *Prince* next Commencement, upon the Hypotheſis of his ſecuring four Seniors on his Side, which ſuch a *Machiaval* as *B.* cou'd do with a wet Finger, if the *Fellows* who are not of the Seniority had no Right to oppoſe or complain. And there is more Probability of his ſucceeding in ſuch a Deſign, if we conſider in the next place, that the *eight Seniors themſelves have no Right to complain againſt him*, before they have admoniſh'd him twice unſucceſsfully. 'Tis plain, the Compilers of our Statutes took it for granted, that Human Nature wou'd continue the ſame it was then, that the generality of Men wou'd be prevail'd upon by gentle Remonſtrances and calm Reaſon, that there was ſomething of Modeſty in moſt Men which wou'd give way to the Advice of experienc'd Perſons endeavouring in a friendly manner to ſet them right, by

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ſhewing the Unlawfulneſs, or ill Conſequences of an Undertaking: But it never enter'd into their Heads, that in After-Ages *Trinity-College* wou'd be under the Government of One on whom Admonitions, in the moſt tender manner deliver'd, in the ſofteſt Expreſſions that cou'd be invented by a meek Senate, unwilling to exaſperate, wou'd have for all the World the ſame effect, as if an Orator in a Storm ſhould endeavour to appeaſe a Hurrican with a florid Speech. Admonitions are for thoſe who have ſo much Humility as to think it poſſible for them to be in the Wrong, and ſo much Ingenuity to acknowledge it; but Dr. *B.* is ſo fully ſatisfy'd of his own Infallibility, that he can never make a falſe ſtep; and of his own Inflexibility too, that the plaineſt Conviction can never extort a Confeſſion from him, that I cannot but think he wou'd have look'd upon it as a much greater Affront from the *Seniors*, if they had admoniſh'd him, than he does our preſent Petition *ſans* Ceremony of Admonition; for that wou'd have been claiming a ſort of Superiority over him, which he wou'd never have given way to, no not for a Minute, in a Clan of ſuch poor creeping Animals as he repreſents our *Seniors* to be: But our Petition cites

him before one whose Superiority in Rank, if not in Worth, he must acknowledge: For that there ever has been, or will be a Man of more intrinsic solid Worth than himself, is an Assertion he will no more subscribe to, than to the Infallibility of *Aristotle*; whether we endeavour to match him in the Bench of Bishops, or Conclave of Cardinals, from the Bar, Council-Table, or Throne it self.

And to convince those who are yet unsatisfy'd of the Lawfulness of the *Juniors* Fellows complaining against the Master; and that defect of Admonition is no Bar, by Statute, against the *Seniors* complaining against him; I shall first transcribe the whole Statute, and then make some short Remarks on it. *Quoniam Capite gravi morbo laborante, cætera corporis membra vehementer quoque vexari solent idcirco Statuimus & Ordinamus ut si Magister Collegii in officio obeundo admodum negligens & dissolutus repertus fuerit, aut de inhonestâ Vitæ ratione, aut incontinentiâ suspectus fuerit, per vice Magistrum & reliquos 7 Seniores aut per majorem partem eorum cum omni lenitate & modestiâ admoneatur. Quod si hoc modo admonitus non Emendaverit secundo similiter admoneatur, Sin autem ne tum quidem resipuerit, Vice Magister & reliqui Seniores vel major pars eorum*

*orum rem Omnem Visitatori Episcopo Elien*ſi *qui pro tempore fuerit, aperiant, qui eam diligenter cognoſcat & cum equitate definiat. Cujus Sententiæ Magiſtrum ſine ullâ appellatione omnino parere volumus ſub Pœnâ loci ſui in perpetuum amittendi.*

Porro ſi prædictus Magiſter coram dicto Viſitatore aliquando examinatus, vel de Hereſeos, vel læſæ Majeſtatis crimine vel Simoniâ, uſurâ, perjurio coram judice commiſſo, furto notabili, homicidio voluntario, inceſtu, adulterio, fornicatione, Dilapidatione Bonorum Collegii vel de Violatione Statutorum *ejuſdem, vel denique de alio quovis conſimili crimine notabili coram prædicto Viſitatore legitime convictus fuerit ſine morâ per eundem Viſitatorem officio Magiſtri privetur: Neque ullam ei appellationem aut ullum aliud juris remedium ei permittimus, & cuncta quæ in hâc causâ tentaverit irrita eſſe volumus & decernimus ipſo facto.* I ſuppoſe no Body will concern themſelves in this Diſpute but Scholars; I omit therefore tranſlating the Statutes: And I think I might leave it to the Reader without any Comment, becauſe it cannot be read without this obvious Obſervation, That there are Crimes of very different Natures ſpecify'd in each Branch of the Statute. If we, the *Junior* Fellows, had accus'd Dr. *B.* of being negligent

gent in his Duty, or of Incontinency, we had acted contrary to this Statute, which in those Cases gives the *Seniors* alone Power first to admonish, and then accuse him: But *Dilapidatio bonorum, & Violatio Statutorum*, of which he now stands accus'd, are, in the second Branch of this Statute, rank'd with such Crimes, as are so far from requiring any preceding Admonition from the *Seniors*, or excluding the *Juniors* from a Right of complaining against them, that every Member of the College, Fellow, Scholar, or Sizar, is indispensably oblig'd to reveal them, under high Penalties, as soon as ever they come to his Knowledge, without staying to see whether Admonition will work Repentance. Have not the *Junior* Fellows a Right to complain, if they are well assur'd that the Master is guilty of Theft, Murder, Heresy or Treason? If they have, they have equal Right to complain of Breach of Statutes, and Wasting the College Revenue. And 'tis a Jest to insist on two Preceding Admonitions from the *Seniors*; which the Statute indeed requires in the first part, but not in the last, on which our Complaint is grounded.

Well, Conscious of the Weakness of his Plea, the Doctor withdraws it, is pleas'd not to insist on these Exceptions,

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ut proceeds to the Merits of the Cauſe; which he commences with a Criticiſm s unfortunate as his firſt. *Your Lordſhip will obſerve, that they actually mean, nd muſt mean, the preſent Fellows, and ll the Members, by ſome of whom, and n behalf of the reſt, this Petition is ade: For their Argument runs thus, we iv'd lovingly with former Maſters, but annot do ſo with Dr.* B. Be ſo kind, ir, as to let us interpret our own Meaning, if that muſt be interpreted, which n it ſelf is as plain as Words can make it. Our Argument runs thus; The College of *Trinity* was a happy Society under the Management of Maſters, who contented themſelves with the Power allotted to them by the Statutes, and made uſe of that Power, in promoting the Good of that Society: But from the Year 1700, we have been treated like School-Boys, by an imperious Pedagogue, who has made the College as deſolate as *Lewis* XIV. has the once flouriſhing Kingdom of *France*. *Lewis* may ſtomach this, and *B.* that. *Have not I made* Verſailles *and* Fountainbleau *the Wonders of the World? Ceaſe then your unmannerly Murmurs, and mutter no more about Deſolation, ye mean-ſpirited Maligners of the Glory of your God-like Sovereign!* Well-ſaid, Univerſal Monarch of

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the West: What were the *Caitiffs* mad
for, but to serve as meer Machines t
rear the mighty Column of your Glory
and starve on a Dunghill, if they did no
think it an Honour to feed on Water an
Bread? *Hold your Tongues, ye Growlers*
Benefaction, have I made your College des
late? I, who have made the Master's Apart
ment as fine as the Queen's at St. James'
and the College-Chappel much finer than th
old antiquated Model, which pious Anna
contented with. Well-said *Phalaris* in
Gown and Cassock; 'tis fit, at last, afte
having moild so many Years among dust
MSS, you your self should be shut up
Cedar, and vie with Kings and Prince
in the Splendour of your Court, as we
as the Authority of a Crown'd Head
But if you had not put on your Critica
Spectacles, if you had only took th
Words in that peaceful Order they stan
in, you, who are so well vers'd in Gram
mar and Rhetorick, might have found
Meiosis, in this soft Expression, *Th*
Peace of the College was disturb'd; fo
as Peace implies all the Comforts of Lif
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College was disturb'd also literally, from the first moment of your coming among us, by those Instruments of Arbitrary Government, Informers, who have been incourag'd by you to the ruin of all free Conversation, and bold Assertors of such Maxims as these: *The Master alone can make College-Preachers; the Seniority are Cyphers without a Person of the Master's Figure among them; the Statutes ought to be broken in order to be kept; the Fellows have no Right to Dividends or Chambers, and 'tis an Act of Grace in the Master to give them a Farthing besides their Livery and Wages.* These are the fatal Maxims advanc'd and maintain'd by the Master's Creatures, which have disturb'd the Peace of the *College*, and made it like the Field sown by *Cadmus* with *Dragon*'s Teeth, with this difference, That our Skirmishes are not so furious and bloody as theirs, but return very frequently, and are likely to continue as long as the Siege of *Ceuta*.

Well, we are come to the 13th page, and find nothing that looks like an Answer, and here he is strongly tempted to plead Guilty to this part of the Indictment of breaking the Peace of the College, because he was sent to College on purpose to awaken it out of that drowsy Peace; *ubi desidia & Torpor est, Pacem vocant*

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tant, as if he found the whole College in a Lethargy, ſo faſt a Sleep, that for a conſiderable time he could not recal the Spirit of one Fellow or Scholar, ſo as to make him ſenſible of the Genius newly arriv'd; and when, with much ado, he open'd the Eyes of a few of them, they broke out into this drowzy Requeſt, *Tell a little Sleep, a little Slumber, a little folding of the Hands to Sleep*, and relaps'd into a Lethargy again, though he like the Sun, darted his Rays on their Faces, and like the Cock rung an Alarm in their Ears. This Accuſation of Lazineſs, I call the Maſter's random Scandal, which he diſcharges without taking aim, which may perhaps hit one or two of the Society, but if affirm'd univerſally, the whole World will be eaſily ſatisfy'd, Dr. B. cannot make it out; unleſs he can tell the exact number of the Members of *Trinity* College in the time of Dr. *Montague*, how many Hours every one then ſtudy'd in a Day? And how many Hours his own hopeful Brood (who never are taken by the Proctor in Taverns or Alehouſes) ſpend in their Studies? And comparing the Numbers together, find the Ballance on his ſide: This, I dare ſay, will puzzle his Mathematick Pate, and after all, let me tell him, 'tis not the number of Hours

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ſpent in poring on Books which makes a Scholar, for there are as arrant Drones who ſpend ſixteen Hours a Day at their Desks, and when they double the Leaf, know no more what they have been doing, than if they had been riding on a Broomſtick in the Air. And I can't but think for the good he has done in the World, the Great *B.* himſelf might have as Glorioufly imploy'd his time in ſpitting of Flies with *Domitian*, as picking up ſcraps of Authors without either Head or Tail. But the World having a vaſt Opinion of Dr. *B*'s. Veracity, I think it more proper to wipe off this Scandal of Lazineſs by his own Words, that the ſame Hand which gave the Wound may heal it: Now every one that has talk'd with our Maſter but an Hour, or has had no more than a tranſient view of his Countenance, will readily agree with me, when I aſſure him, tho' he has breath'd the Air of St. *James* ſeveral Years, he has made no improvement in Compliments, and therefore, he may ſafely be believ'd when he ſpeaks with any tolerable reſpect of Inferiours, which makes us ſet a more than ordinary value on theſe obliging Expreſſions, which fell from him at his Inauguration; *I ſhall think it a great Honour and Happineſs to my ſelf, if I can leave the*

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College in the same flourishing Condition i
which I found it transmitted to me by my la
worthy Predecessor. Which I desire him to re
concile with *our neglect of all Useful Studie*
and squandering away our own Revenue
in Drinking and Gaming; which most o
us might do in a Week with a great deal o
ease, and have all the rest of the Year t
our Studies, without Interruptions fro
the Bottle or Dice.

And now having stigmatiz'd us with a
indelible brand of Laziness, he goes on t
convince the World, that he has made th
best use of his Time from the first m
ment he enter'd our Gates, carrying o
the Work of Reformation against the un
ted Malice and Strength of the whole S
ciety, making the *Election of Scholarshi*
annual, putting down Feasts at the Electi
of Fellows, restoring B. Hacket's *Money*
the Library (which contrary to his W
he has since imploy'd in purchasing M
thematical Instruments for his Observ
tory) *and disposing of Chambers secunda*
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of answering our Petition? we accuse hi
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lege by reforming Abuſes (allowing them to be as he repreſents them) which is no more to the Purpoſe than if he had entertain'd his Reader with an Account from ſome Manuſcripts lately diſcover'd, or out of his own prolific Head, how the Monarch of *Syracuſe* behaved himſelf, when he deſcended from the Chair of State to the School-maſter's awful Desk? What Orders he made about the Boys coming with clean Hands, and comb'd Hair; what convenient Vehicles for their Books, they made uſe of correſpondent to the Satchels of this Age; how much they paid a Quarter, and how often he uſed the Rod. 'Tis juſt as if a zealous Refugee, full of the Glory of the Grand Monarch, ſhould warmly inſiſt upon it, That *Lewis* XIV. could not deſerve the Name of a Tyrant, becauſe he ſmil'd on the Gentlemen of the Academy; was liberal in his Penſions to Learned Men, and had given a convincing Proof of his Tenderneſs of the Lives of his Subjects, by diſcountenancing Duelling, by which he has ſaved perhaps four or five hundred Lives: Glorioufly done! but how many Millions has he ſacrific'd to his Ambition in the Field of Battle? How many Myriads has he reduced to Poverty by exorbitant Taxes at Home? How many thouſands has he forc'd to abandon

their native Soil, and ſeek Shelter in more Hoſpitable Countries? How many thouſands more has he converted to Idolatry, by the irreſiſtible Arguments of Dragoons, Halters and Wheels?

Of the four Inſtances he produces of his Reformation, I ſhall leave three to be handled by one better acquainted with the *College*-Affairs, who will demonſtrate two Untruths for every Page in the Doctor's Letter, and only take notice of one which the Maſter ſeems to triumph in as glorious Atchievement, in theſe Words. *Before* 1700, *during the four ſtatutable Days of ſitting for Fellowſhips, Open Houſe uſed to be kept at ſome Tavern from ſeven a-clock in the Evening, till paſt Midnight; there the Candidates entertain'd all ſuch Fellows as would come, and thoſe that got the Fellowſhips, paid the whole Reckoning at laſt.* One Night had ſo paſſed before I was inform'd of that ſcandalous Practice, and in that one Night the whole Reckoning came to ſix Pounds, when Wine was much cheaper than now. Setting aſide the irregular Hour paſt Midnight, added by the Maſter *ad augendum rei invidiam*, without any Ground, for the Books were uſually ſhut up at Ten, and if any one ſtaid after that Hour, it was at his own Charge. What is there in all this blame-worthy? To make mer-

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ry sure is no Sin. To rejoyce in the Conversation of Friends, upon any fortunate incident of Life, such as getting any considerable Preferment, has been the Practice of all Ages and Nations, from the time of *Joseph*'s Advancement in *Pharoah*'s Court, to the New Lord Chief Justice, in whose Advancement we justly take part, as having the Honour of being Members of that College, which in his Youth he adorn'd. To relax and divert the Mind, after having kept it upon the Stretch three whole Years, in a close pursuit of the Mathematicks or Languages, is what in a moderate way must be allow'd necessary, by any one but a *Cynic?* What then had the Master to do to interpose in this Affair, unless it were to shew his Authority, at a time when he knew not one of the Candidates durst act contrary to his Order for fear of losing a Fellowship? The Extravagancies, if there were any, might have been restrain'd without an absolute Prohibition of the Thing it self, which was such a piece of Ill-nature, that I meet nothing in History to match with it, but the *Norman* Law, which oblig'd our conquer'd Ancestors to put out their Fire and Candle at the sound of a Bell, soon after Sun-setting; and the Unreasonableness of this Dispotic Command will more plainly

appear, if it be conſider'd, that during thoſe four Statutable Days every Candidate was to appear before the Tribunal of a ſevere *Rhadamanthus*, whoſe Judgment we had ſuch frightful Ideas of, that a reviving Cup was abſolutely neceſſary to keep up the Spirits of young Men, that they might not faint at the critical Ordeal of their Proficiencies. Now we know the mildneſs of our Government is ſuch, that a condemn'd Malefactor aſcending the fatal acclivity of *Holbourn-Hill*, (not more frightful than Dr. *B*'s Lodge at the time of ſitting for Fellowſhips) is indulg'd ſo much Liberty in that laſt Stage of Life, as to be permitted a paſſing Cup or two to divert the ſound of the Paſſing-Bell. The *Maſter* muſt baniſh *Champain* and *Burgundy* from his own Table, and not ſpend in his Lodge in a Year as much Ale as the whole College, before we ſhall think he is really animated with the Zeal of *Lycurgus*; or that theſe two Things are incompatible, to be a good *Scholar*, and yet reliſh a Glaſs of neat *French*. In thoſe Days we always look'd upon a Fellowſhip worth ſtruggling for, eſteeming the Perſon who obtain'd one to have got as good as a Thouſand Pounds; but the *Maſter* was reſolved to leſſen the Value of it ſo conſiderably, that it ſhould not be worth a Treat of Ten Pound; and he has done

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it ſo effectually, that a *Scholar* from *Weſtminſter School* has more Incouragement the firſt Year he is admitted in *Chriſt-Church*, than a Fellow of *Trinity College*, at the rate Fellowſhips have gone theſe laſt ſix Years.

A noble Wit of the Laſt Century left behind him an ingenious Copy of Verſes upon *Nothing*, and I can't but think Dr. *B.* has out-done him in Proſe; for I find my ſelf at the 16 *Page* of his Book, without meeting one ſingle Word in anſwer to any thing alledg'd in our Petition againſt him; for tho' he ſplits one Sentence into two Paragraphs, to amuſe his Reader a while by flouriſhing on his own laudable Progreſs in the Reformation of a degenerate *College*, he is ſo kind as to reunite them again, and attack them in cloſer Order. *But the Petitioners* (ſays he) *give other Inſtances and affirm*, That Dr. *B.* diſturb'd the College, by demanding and taking of the ſaid College ſeveral and great Sums of Money, which he apply'd to his own Uſe. *An Accuſation ſo impudently falſe, that if any Perſon whatſoever can convict me of the leaſt Corruption to the Value of a* ſingle Farthing, *even that Farthing ſhall condemn me with the Loſs of my Place.* P. 16.

Since he diſcovers ſo much Indifference toward us, and is ſo willing to reſign ſo conſiderable Preferment upon the

Proof of ſo ſlight a matter as the Miſapplication of a Farthing (for Corruption is the Dr's. own Word) and ſince I am tolerably aſſur'd, a Deluge of Tears will not be ſhed at parting, I take him at his Word, and ſign the Agreement with *Done, Done.* The Miſapplication I mean, is not ſo trifling as that of a Farthing, tho' trifling in compariſon of thoſe large Sums which will be prov'd on Oath to have been apply'd by him to his own Uſe, and nothing but his Confidence could prevail with Mr.----to take any notice of it. The Sum, according to the beſt Information I can get, is forty eight Farthings, or in a nobler Mettal, a Shilling, which by the Dr's. Order, was pay'd to a *Goldſmith* in *Cambridge*, for the mending the Rim of his Silver-Snuff-box. That this Shilling pay'd by the *Burſar*, was *College*-Money admits no Queſtion, and I think 'tis as plain, it was not apply'd to the *College* Uſe, becauſe upon ſearch, no ſuch thing will be found as a Snuff-box in the Inventory of *College* Plate; therefore the Maſter has been guilty of applying to his own uſe the aforeſaid Sum of forty eight Farthings, *Q. E. D.*

Letter, p. 17. *I muſt own my ſelf quite to ſeek for Demonſtration, if this will not paſs for ſuch.*

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Tho' I might paſs by the Demands which the Dr. owns he has made about *Sealing Money*, the *Panadoxatorſhip*, and the Expences of Feſtivals, as things no way referr'd to in our Petition, yet for the Satisfaction of the Curious, I ſhall give a ſhort touch on each Head, becauſe the Dr. ſeems to triumph in theſe Reformations. As for *Sealing Money*, he complains he is forc'd to comply with the *Seniors* in cheating the *College*; but if in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, when our Statutes were made, One Shilling was worth near ten at preſent, the Imputation of Cheat might have been drop'd.

He ſpends two Pages about the *Panadoxator*'s Dividend, which he confeſſes he has thrown into the *Common-Stock*; an Expreſſion the Fellows of *Trinity-College* are well acquainted with, and know that they may be very rich in *Common-Stock*, without being a Farthing the better. Thus he gets his ſhare of the Profits to which he has no manner of Right, having his Bread in full Weight, the real Worth of Two-pence for Two-pence, which falling a little ſhort in the Fellows Allowance, gives 'em a Right excluſive of the Maſter, to ſhare in the Profits ariſing from the want of Weight in the *College* Loaves, fully anſwering the Price

they are ſold at; and ſuch a Dividend has the Preſcription of an hundred Years, which the Dr. after his way of ſetting matters to right, has depriv'd the Society of. I believe it will coſt him ten Pages to clear himſelf of this Buſineſs, tho' he thinks he has effectually done it by praiſing himſelf in two

As for the Luxury of the Hall, *alias* good Houſe-keeping, his Worſhip wou'd have done well *when the Iron was hot*, (as he phraſes it) to have retrench'd the Luxury of his own Table at the ſame time, and not to have taken the Brawns from the Fellows, and yet have continu'd them at home. But who were the Perſons uſually treated by us on *Trinity-Sunday*? the *Vice-Chancellor* and the *Heads* of the *Colleges*, learned Foreigners, and Gentlemen formerly of our own *College* or *Univerſity*; and now and then perhaps a Friend or two from *Oxford*, and no doubt they will be much oblig'd to the Dr. for his ſhining Appellation, *of Scum of the Town*. But the principal Heads of our Grievances are ſtill behind, *viz. His taking away* Fellowſhips *and* Scholarſhips *by his own Authority, without the Conſent of a Majority of* Seniors, *contrary to the expreſs Words of our Statutes in every place where Expulſion or Turning-out of* College *is mention'd*,

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In anſwer to which, he produces an Order of his own wording and writing out of the Concluſion-book, *Apr.* 5, 1688. *Order'd by the* Maſter *and* Seniors, *That the two* Fellowſhips, *late of* M—— *and* M—— *be declar'd void*; *to which he ſubjoins, but it ſeems this was done by the forc'd Conſent of the Governing part of the* College. Were I a Critic now, I ſhou'd be apt to ſuſpect a falſe Print in the Word *Forc'd*, that by Negligence of the Tranſcriber or Corrector of the Preſs, a *C.* had uſurp'd the place of a *G.* and that the true reading ſhou'd be a *Forg'd Conſent.* And I can produce better Authority than the moſt celebrated Criticiſms are for the moſt part grounded on, not the Agreement of MSS, or the neceſſity of allowing the ſlip from the Connexion, but matter of Fact, atteſted upon Oath. For ſeveral of the *Seniors* will prove that they gave no Conſent to the Expulſion of thoſe two *Fellows*, and one who was preſent at that very Meeting, will depoſe, That the Maſter told 'em in poſitive terms, that he did not ſend from 'em ſo much as to ask their Conſent; and therefore he might have ſpar'd theſe inſulting Demands, *Were they lock'd up and kept from all Suſtenance, like a Jury impannel'd, 'till they were forc'd to agree with the Maſter?*

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Was there not freedom of Debate and Dissenting? Were any of 'em punish'd or oppress'd on such occasion? May we not borrow the Master's own Words, and cry out, *'Tis amazing to see a* Master *of a* College, *a* Dr. *of* Divinity, *an* Arch-deacon, *a* Library-Keeper, *a* Chaplain *of the Queen's, so confident, in a case where he has nothing to produce but a* forg'd *Consent, neither ask'd by him nor given by the* Seniors! This Conclusion-Book is a MS. not of equal Antiquity perhaps with that of *Phalaris*, which has made so much noise in the World, yet deserves a Place on the same Shelf, and in the same Library, upon the account of some Master-like strokes toward the Conclusion, which have an Air of despotic Authority, as the Author of those Epistles is known by the fierceness of his Style. Order'd by the *Master* at a Meeting of the *Seniors*, *March* 8, 1700. as if they had nothing to do there but to be Witnesses of the Imperial Style. *Dec.* 24. 1701. Order'd by the *Master*, that *Hanson* be expell'd. *Apr.* 20. 1702. Agreed by the *Master*, as if he had Pigs in his Belly. *Sept.* 30, 1704. Order'd by the *Master*, that the *Lectures* be punish'd for Absence, and the 30 lower *Fellows* for Absence from Chappel. Wou'd not any one think the Government of *Trinity-College* Monarchial? that the

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Master had the supreme Power by the Statutes in all Causes, and over all Persons, as well Ecclesiastical as Physical: And yet turn back an Hundred Years, and trace the Conclusions in every successive Reign, and you will find but one single Instance of any College Concern transacted by the sole Power of the Master 'till the fatal 1700, *viz.* the expulsion of *Young* the Scholar, by Dr. *Pearson*. This is carefully mark'd in an Index of the present Master's own making, and produc'd as a Paralel to justify his Proceedings against *Hanson*; but whoever reads that Conclusion, which stands thus in the 2d Book,

January 23, 1664.

Order'd by the Master, That Young *the Scholar be expell'd for his foul and scandalous Offence.*

J. Pearson.

Agreed also, &c.

Whoever, I say, reads this Conclusion, and minds what he reads, will find the Seniors were present at the drawing of it up, or else it had been Nonsense to add *Agreed* in the following Order, made and enter'd at the same time; and 'tis highly probable they consented to it, or else I can't see what can be made of

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Agreed alſo, which certainly relates to the foregoing Order, to which the Seniors had agreed, tho' the Maſter forgot to mention their Agreement, together with his conſent. But if Dr. *Pearſon* broke the Statute, that will not juſtify Dr. *B.* in the Violation of the ſame Statute: Nor does it follow beeauſe Dr. *Pearſon* expel'd a Scholar for a ſcandalous Crime, therefore Dr. *B.* may expel Scholars and Fellows for no Crimes at all, or what is all one, for none fairly prov'd againſt them. But we except againſt the Concluſion-Books in this and all other Points which the Maſter may produce to juſtify his unſtatutable Proceedings. Becauſe the Maſter, whoever he is, having the penning of the Concluſions, and the keeping of them intirely to himſelf, may put in what he pleaſes, and ſcratch out what he diſlikes, and there is reaſon to ſuſpect, both have been done very lately, if we may judge by the freſhneſs of the Ink, and ſome other Circumſtances, as Book 2. p. 2. *Theſe three Chambers which* formerly the Maſter unduly challeng'd, one in the Hoſtile, the other two in the *Queens* Tower. *Quere*, by whom the Word *unduly* was ſcratch'd out? for thoſe very Chambers the Maſter has challeng'd to himſelf, and keeps to himſelf at this very Day.

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April 27, 1704.

Order'd, By the Maſter and Seniors, That hereafter no Perſon choſen Chappel Clerk, ſhall hold it longer, &c.

Query, By whom and why the Word *Seniors* is ſcratch'd out? ſeveral Inſtances this Nature are to be met with, as well as ſeveral Interlineations; and therefore, for the good of Poſterity, 'twould be well if an Order paſs'd, that nothing be enter'd in the Concluſion-Book, without the Hands of the Majority of the Seniors. And now I think I may fairly leave it to the Judgment of every unprejudic'd Perſon, whether it was not high time to ſtem the Tide of Arbitrary Government, when the Maſter uſurp'd ſuch an Authority of expelling whenever he pleas'd, and diſpoſing whatever he pleas'd, if he had not made uſe of that uſurp'd Authority to Beggar us, as he has certainly done, and we feel it by Experience? Were the Revenues of any Collegiate Church in *England*, ſo profuſely laviſh'd by the Dean, and their Statutes ſo inſolently trampl'd under Foot, I make no doubt the Prebendaries would appeal to the Houſe of Lords, or ſome other Tribunal, where they might expect to be redreſſed; and if they did not, I ſhould reckon them poor Spirited

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Betrayers of their own Property, and the Property of Posterity; which I add to open the Eyes of some Dignitaries in *London*, who have a great Opinion of our Master, but will never have a just one of him, 'till he has rid them as long as he has the now jaded Fellows of *Trinity* College, who if they can't fling him out of the Saddle, must for ever groan under his intollerable weight.

Dr. *B.* demands in relation to the two Fellows expel'd by him, Would they have the Merits of those Two examin'd before your Lordship, in order to their Restoration? *They dare not move for that the Crimes of each are so Notorious.* Yes Master, we dare move for it, and wou'd move for it, had not your Barbarous usage driven one of them to carry a Musquet in *Spain*, where in all probability his Bones will lie. Were his Crimes as notorious as you pretend they were, you knew nothing of them 'till a Year or two after the Commission of the Fact, and that accidentally only, in Conversation with a Fellow whom you promis'd to make no ill use of the Secret, and you have worthily kept your Word; expelling him with the most aggravating Circumstances of Inhumanity that ever were heard of, before his Father was well cold in his Grave, with this unchri-

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ian Taunt, *His Father dy'd not worth a Groat; Mr. B's a Beggar, and may ſue me if he pleaſes in* Weſtminſter-Hall.

This is the main Article of our Grievances. We are not ſatisfy'd, that the Young *Cadet* in *Spain* deſerv'd Expulſion; we are not ſatisfy'd that Mr. *Miller* deſerves it, who is guilty of no other Crime but of preſenting our Complaint to my Lord of *Ely*; we are ſure if both deſerv'd it, you ought not to expel any Member by your own Authority; we know if the Statutes were rigorouſly put in Execution, the abſent Fellows, 30 in number, *who are moſt ſerviceable to the College, and the Nation, are all* to your Mercy, if you may expel without the *Seniors* Conſent; and we know this Power of Expelling Fellows for Abſence has been made uſe of by One of your Instruments of Slavery, to extort Subſcriptions toward the Chapel; Therefore we complain, Our College is a Royal Foundation, where a *Maſter* if he has any good Nature may reign like a little King; but if like the Monarch of the *Eaſt*, he will fret and ſweat at the Narrowneſs of his Dominions; if he will be greater than the Founders deſign'd a *Maſter* ſhould be, and reſolve to have no other Rule but *ſic Volo ſic Jubeo*. What muſt be done in this Caſe? Muſt we ſuffer him to go on, turn out and

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put in as he pleaſes, and when he has ſhuf
fled and cut till he has got four Knaves o
his ſide, who for the ſake of a trifling Of
fice, or a few Pupils, will ſell the Right o
their Brain (for we earn our Fellowſhip
by our Study) call Tyranny Diſcipline
and Pedantry Learning? Muſt we ſuffe
ſuch a *Maſter* to have the ſole Manage
ment of Five Thouſand a Year, ſquande
what part of it he pleaſes in *Brick* and *Mor
tar*, and divide the reſt in arbitrary Pro
portions? a Thouſand Pounds to himſe
every *Chriſtmas*, and Twenty or Fort
Pound to the Fellows every Return of th
*Greek Kalends? No. Our Statutes are o
Magna Charta*, and whoever tamely ſuffe
them to be diſpenſed with, interprete
away, or openly violated, is an abje
Slave, fit for the *Ottoman* or *Gallic* Cour
If a *Maſter* once gets looſe from them, 't
in vain to inſiſt on Rights and Priviledge
and we have no Security againſt the Am
bitious Deſigns of a head-ſtrong *Maſter*, in
patient of Contradiction, reſolute in pro
moting his own Intereſt, under the ſpeci
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in the State as the Doctor has uſurp'd in *Trinity College.*

The next thing we lay to the Charge of our preſent *Maſter* is, *That he has threatned and aſſum'd to inflict ſeveral Unſtatutable, and, before his Time, unheard of Puniſhments upon ſeveral of the Fellows, for no other Reaſon, but becauſe he heard they talk'd againſt his Proceedings:* Tho' he is perſuaded we can prove nothing of this Nature againſt him, yet for fear we ſhould, he produces a Scrap of a Statute, *Arbitrio magiſtri*, and then roundly affirms, *Nothing more commonly occurs there than a Diſcretionary Power lodg'd in his Hands*, of inflicting on Us what Puniſhment he pleaſes; and yet thro' the whole Book of Statutes we defy him to produce one ſingle Inſtance, where the Maſter has Power given him of puniſhing without the Conſent of the Seniors, or ſome College-Officer. Nothing more commonly occurs than the Words *Arbitrio Magiſtri*, not ſingle as they ſtand in the Doctor's Letter, but tack'd to a limiting Clauſe like this, *Vel eo abſente Vice-Magiſtri & majoris partis octo Seniorum*, as *Stat.* 20. quoted by the Maſter to juſtifie his covering the Names of two of the ſeditious Talkers againſt his Proceedings: *Baccalaureorum & Diſcipulorum nemo in Oppidum ſi-*

ne Collegâ, &c. —— *Quod si solus in oppidum iniisse comperiatur, Primo tempore commeatu unius Hebdomadæ, secundo duarum, tertio mensis, quarto consensu Magistri & Majoris partis octo Seniorum a Collegio amoveatur.* And then it follows, *Seditionis Domestica, detractionis, dissentionis aut Rixæ autores primo tempore commeatu menstruo, secundo trimestri, tertio Collegio ut diximus*; (that is, with the Consent of the Senior's) *Amoveantur*, by which it appears, that if Dr. *B.* could prove talking against his Proceedings to be *Sedition*, he has not a Power of putting any Member of the Society out of Commons, much less a Fellow, without the Senior's Concurrence. It is not material to give the World an Account of the insolent Threats, and unjustifiable Punishments inflicted by the Doctor on Fellows of the College, who tho' blacken'd by him in the most odious manner that can be, think themselves his Equals in every thing but good Fortune; that they can justify holding up their Heads as high as he, for this Reason, because they are his Fellows or Companions, which certainly denotes an Equality, or something nearly approaching it, tho' his Highness stomachs it heinously that the Master shou'd be degraded to the Level of a Ninth Senior, which

which to him is as great a Fall as that of *Dionysius* before hinted at, from a King to a Schoolmaster. And we desire the Master to remember the Designs on Foot not many Years ago in this Nation, when it was declar'd a High Misdemeanour to call the then reigning Prince a *Roman Catholick*, tho' he made open Profession of that Superstition and was surrounded with *Priests* and *Jesuites*. And to go higher in the Records of Time, in the Reign of *Tiberius* one of the worst of the *Cæsars*, if a Person of considerable Merit testify'd any Concern for the Glory of the *Empire*, if any other had an innocent Remembrance of Liberty, he was look'd upon as a dangerous Person; to praise *Brutus* and *Cassius* was a capital Crime, to bewail *Augustus* was a secret Offence. To speak, to be silent, to be glad, to be grieved, to be fearful or assur'd, were all Crimes, and very often incurr'd the severest Penalties. But least the World should think we can produce no Proofs of the terrible Threatnings denounced against the presumptuous Opposers of his good Pleasure, I think it will not weaken our Evidence against him on that Article, if I relate the Adventure of the *Square Cap*, and the *Rusty Sword*, which has a Romantick Air, I must own,

and were it not for the Quadrangular black *Umbrello*, would make the Reader fancy I was about to transcribe *Cervantes*: But the matter of Fact was transacted in the Face of the Sun, in a large Quadrangle, and in Presence of numerous Spectators, if not Auditors: I cannot be so exact in my Chronology as it is to be wish'd all Authors would be in the minutest Matters; the Day, the Week, the Month, nay the very Year, having quite elop'd out of my Memory, which makes it indispensably necessary to commence with the usual Introduction, *Once upon a Time* the present *Master* of *Trinity*, wanting a pretty round Sum of two or three hundred Pound, for some use or other, no matter what, (I think it was his Stair-Case) which he had demanded, once, twice, thrice, and had been put off as often: One Evening after Prayers accosted the Old Gentlemen, Cap in Hand, in the most familiar ingaging manner imaginable, holding out his Cap as if he expected to have the Money down on the Nail that very Instant; but finding them Proof against Coaxing, the Fashion of his Face, and the Tone of his Voice alter'd immediately, *What have you forgot my rusty Sword?* Nay, hold up your Head Doctor, and

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never be asham'd; 'tis what many a generous Soul as great as yours has been forced to do with Pistol and Purse; and if you think it a Scandal to be compar'd with the Gentleman on the *Black-Mare*, (whose way of getting Travellers loose Corns, had something in it more respectful and tender than yours) there was in the Days of *Yore*, seventeen hundred Years ago very near, a Person of much higher Rank, who condescended to the same Method of gaining Money, even *Caligula* of glorious Memory, who at the Birth of a Daughter, order'd a Proclamation to be publish'd, that he would receive *New-Years-Gifts* at such a time; and accordingly stood himself with a Bason in his Hand at his Palace-Gate like a Parish-Officer; 'tis true, he did not mention his *Rusty Sword*, nor indeed was there occasion; for the People of *Rome* had no need of telling, that the Emperor would make them smart for it if they pretended to be close-fisted, when he honour'd 'em so far as to give 'em an Opportunity of shewing their Greatness of Mind. And now methinks I see the gentle Reader scratching his Head, staring in the Sky, and muttering with himself, *What can the meaning be of this Rusty Sword?* ——— Have patience a

little, and you ſhall know; 'tis a *Bentleyiſm* not to be expreſs'd without a ſwinging long Paraphraſe, proportionable to the Length of his *Toledo*. 'Tis a Power uſurp'd by the *Maſter*, and grounded by him on a forc'd Interpretation of the Statutes, not unlike the *Quo Warranto*'s which ſhook the very Foundations of all the Cities in *England*, whereby he can deprive any one of a Fellowſhip whenever he pleaſes; whereby he can hinder any one from being a *College-Preacher*, *Lecturer*, *Burſar*, *Dean*, and do abundance of other unſtatutable Feats; and this Sword he actually brandiſh'd over the Head of one who had the Misfortune to incur his Diſpleaſure, by refuſing to pay an unreaſonable Bill of his for Work done in his Lodge. This was the only Crime he was guilty of, this ſet the Furnace of the Doctor's Indignation boiling over; This hardy Thwarter of his Soveraign's Will had been abſent a little before, beyond the Time allow'd by the *College-Statutes*, and if he did not pay the Money, he ſhould be ſent packing into the *North* again. Thus he bully'd the timerous Wretch to act contrary to his Conſcience; and by calling him an Aſs, has effectually made him one ever ſince. So have I ſeen a Docile *Spaniel*

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ſnarle and ſnap at firſt at the Rebukes of his Inſtructor, and two or three Hours after affectionately paw him and lick his Spittle, when two or three Whips have been worn out to the very ſtumps in belabouring his Sides.

We accuſe him of reducing the Fellows to great Neceſſity by leſſening the Value of their Fellowſhips, which is as notorious as the Land-Tax; To which he replies, " 'Tis an aſtoniſhing Thing " that ſeven Seniors could ſubſcribe this, " who are conſcious to themſelves, and " have often confeſs'd it to my ſelf, that " I have rais'd the publick Revenue of " the College a Thouſand Pounds a Year. And then by a Calculation of his own, proves we have had in the ſpace of his Ten Years, Fourteen half Dividends; whereas in Dr. *Mountague*'s Time there were but Nineteen half Dividends in Seventeen Years. Suppoſing the Number of Dividends in Dr. *Mountague*'s Time exactly true, why does he reckon the Four half Dividends which he keeps under Lock and Key, and ſeems as if he were reſolved to keep ſo, till we conſent to his New Scheme? And why does he not mention the Two, which he raviſh'd back again from moſt of Us, by

downright Force? Only to impoſe on the World, and make Men believe we are only *Growlers at his Spirit of Reformation*; whereas if we growle at all, 'tis becauſe he ſtarves us, as he has more than once threaten'd, if we would not comply with his Deſigns. For 'tis a demonſtrable Truth, that the abſent *Fellows*, whoſe Intereſt he ſeems to have ſo much at Heart, have not had clear in their Pockets above 5*l.* a Year theſe laſt ſix Years: Glorious Incouragement to Sobriety and Learning! which muſt needs add Spurs to the Induſtry of thoſe who have any ſpark of Ambition in them, and together with the Maſter's Example, (as Dr. *Hutchinſon* rightly obſerves) for he has ſpent ten Years in correcting a bawdy Poet, and yet not finiſh'd it) make the young Racers in the Olympicks of Philoſophy, ſtretch with unuſual Vigor, out-ſtrip all that ever went before them, and tread even on the *Maſter*'s Heels; and then I am ſure there is a Verſe in his darling *Horace*, which may be apply'd to him and them, *Sublimi feriens ſydera vertice*, deny it who dares. If then the *Maſter* has rais'd the Revenue a thouſand a Year, and the abſent *Fellows* have been ſtarving theſe ſix Years, What is become

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of that brave Estate which the Bounty of the Crown settl'd upon Us? Why, for this the *Master* has been complemented, it seems, by some Sycophant or other, who wou'd kiss his Toe for a Pupil with, *lateritium invenit, marmoreum reliquit.* The College-Hall *from a dirty sooty place, is restor'd to its Original Beauty, and excell'd by none in Cleanliness and Magnificence:* The College-Chappel, *from a decay'd antiquated Model, is made one of the noblest in* England: The Master's *Apartment, from a spacious Jail, made worthy of the Royal Foundation, and the Guests its sometimes honour'd with: An Elegant Chymical Elaboratory made out of a ruinous Lumber-hole: And lastly,* the College-Gate-House *rais'd up and improv'd to a stately Astronomical Observatory.* Glorious things indeed! such as Posterity will praise thy Name for, as long as Planets rowle and Smoak ascends; 'till the *Grand Elixir* and *Mars*'s Guards are discover'd; for some he must have as well as *Jupiter*, who being a peaceful God in comparison of the other *Furioso*, must be allow'd not to have so much necessity of *Satellites.* But the present Generation think the Money might have been turn'd to a better Use; which the *Master* will impute to narrowness of Soul: But every unprejudic'd

dic'd Perſon will have a better Opinion of us, if he takes time to conſider and compare our Circumſtances and his. The *Maſter* is a dignify'd Clergy-man, has an Income of about 500 *l.* a Year beſides his *Maſterſhip*, has a plentiful Table at the *College* Expence, and the Charges of Houſe-keeping defray'd, ſo that he may live in Splendour and Credit, tho' no Dividend be voted for ſeveral Years. But moſt of the *Fellows* are Young-men, who are to make their Fortunes in the World, whoſe Parents, after five or ſix hundred Pound ſpent in their Education, expect to be eas'd of that Charge, as ſoon as they arrive at the Degree of *Maſters of Arts*, and withdraw their Allowance about that time, and conſequently the greateſt part of the threeſcore *Fellows* have little or nothing to depend on but the Income of their *Fellowſhips*. Now for a *Maſter* to ſquander away eight or nine thouſand Pound in unneceſſary Building, is ſo far from being a glorious Deſign, that it's Barbarity in the higheſt Degree, ſuch as no good Man wou'd practice, no reaſonable Man can juſtify: 'Tis taking away 25 or 50 *l.* for every 2000, from thoſe who have nothing elſe to ſupply themſelves with Books to improve their Mind, Cloaths to cover their

their Body, Coals to warm their Fingers, and I think I may add, without pleading for Drunkenneſs, a Glaſs of Wine to chear their Hearts now and then: And when it is done with a high Hand, to gratify the Pride of a *Maſter* without any Conſideration of Circumſtances, whether the living Members want it or no, who, I think, ſhou'd be preferr'd before Walls; let the *Maſter* and his Creatures give what gloſs to it they pleaſe, 'tis neither better nor worſe than Robbery; therefore Dr. *Barrow*, before he began that neceſſary Ornament of our *College*, the *New Library*, rais'd ſuch a Bank of Subſcriptions, as enabl'd him to carry on the Building without oppreſſing the *Fellows*, who had conſtantly (as I have heard them ſay) half a Dividend every Year, though the Charge of that Fabric was treble to the Sums laid out by Dr. *B.* And the Reverend the Dean of *Chriſt Church* has by the ſame Method made a noble Improvement of that *College*, without diminiſhing the Revenue of the Students by forc'd Subſcription; whoſe Examples, if Doctor *B.* had follow'd, he would not have made himſelf the Bane of *Trinity-College*, and *Trinity-College* the Jeſt of the Nation.

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The Lodg was fine enough for Maſters of nobler Extraction, and more perſonal Merit than Dr. *B.* can pretend to, notwithſtanding the fulſome Panegericks of Foreigners, who view the *Star* of their own making, at too great a Diſtance to diſcover thoſe *Maculæ* of Pride, Ill-nature, Contempt of Mankind, and a ſcurrilous Tongue, viſible to us, who move in the ſame Sphere with him, and find the influences of his Rays have more of the Comet than the Star. The Chappel was fine enough too for Devotion; plain, neat and elegant, without thoſe glaring Ornaments, which are apt to draw off the Eye from the Creator to the Creature, which now make it more like a *Roman* Oratory, a Chapel of the Lady of *Loretto*, than a place of Worſhip for Proteſtants. The Lumberhole we think might have remain'd a Lumberhole ſtill; for Boltheads and Crucibles, Glaſſes, Charcoal and Sand, are as arrant Trumpery, and as deſpicable Lumber, as old Joices, Corniſhes, Wainſcot and Doors; and ſerve only to draw in young Gentlemen to exchange Gold for Gibberiſh, to fill their Heads with unintelligible Jargon of imaginary Trials of Skill, between High-Church Alkali's, and Low-Church Acids,

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with which when a Man has fill'd every nook of his Brain, he may justly be styl'd a *Caput Mortuum*. As for the Observatory, I cannot but admire and applaud the Ingenuity of the Master, in promoting a Gimcrack of that Nature: For since he was fully resolv'd to ingross to himself the management of the dirty Acres of College Land, nothing could be more proper, than to take off the Eyes of the Fellows, by setting them a gazing on distant Objects over Head. Not that I affirm, or would have it imagin'd, that this was the only end the Doctor propos'd to himself; for without doubt he had a more publick disinterested view, such as King *Charles* had, when he erected such another *Astroscopical Pharos* in *Christ-Church*-Hospital, to breed up a set of skilful Navigators, in order to Man the Royal Navy on Occasion. For tho' the College was design'd for a Nursery of Divines, and all of the Foundation are oblig'd to Dedicate themselves to the Ministry except Two; Yet since the Genius of the Nation runs so violently toward Navigation, he might reasonably presume that the younger Sons of the Nobility and Gentlemen would flock in Crowds to learn a Science without which it is impossible to be

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an accompliſh'd Tarpawling. And after all it might be of uſe to Divines too, who if they ſhould happen to be croſſed in their Preferment by ſome unlucky Conjunction, or fatal Aſpect of the ill-natur'd Stars, might make their Fortune by making Almanacks in ſpight of the Stars. So much are we indebted to Fortune, for ſending among us this Retailer of Fragments, this Obſervator of falſe Prints, this Haberdaſher of ſmall Wares in the Commonwealth of Learning: For I muſt beg Baron *Spanheim*'s Pardon, and think when he calls Dr. *B. Vir Conſummatiſſimâ Eruditione*, he only ſpeaks in the Language of the Court; where a Man ſhall be to the very Ground your *very humble Servant*, tho' he will not give you a Meals Meat, or a Peny to buy a Loaf. For by what has hitherto appear'd of that incredible Furniture, with which the Doctor's *Cranium* is ſuppos'd to be richly ſtock'd, in my poor Judgment he is as far from being at the Top of Mankind for true Learning, as an Interloper of *Rag-Fair* is from ſtanding on the Level with the moſt ſubſtantial Merchant on the *Exchange*. And if the late King, that Patron of Liberty, that Scourge of Tyranny, had known the Genius of the Perſon

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on whom he conferr'd ſuch noble Preferment, how much fitter he was to make a *Spaniſh* Inquiſitor, or bum-laſhing Pedagogue, than Head of a Society of *Engliſh* Gentlemen, born with a ſenſe of Liberty, and reſolute in the Defence of it; he would have found him a more ſuitable imployment, and never have truſted him with higher Authority, than that of the *Ferula* and Rod.

But toward the cloſe of his Book, the Doctor ſeems to have ſcolded himſelf out of Breath, and to be in a little better Temper; for which reaſon I ſhall change my Stile, and attack his Demonſtration, with the Gravity of a Mathematician. He has been ſtudying this Buſineſs for ſome Years, no doubt therefore, he is able to anſwer any material Queſtion, which can be ask'd on a Subject he is ſo entirely Maſter of. Therefore, with all imaginable Submiſſiveneſs, I beg leave to propoſe Two, and if he pleaſes to let another Pamphlet ſteal into the World without his Knowledge, with a fair Solution of them, it will add to the many Obligations for which I have hitherto ſtick'd with him, 'till I am almoſt aſham'd of the long Score. The preſenc

ſent method of Dividends having Preſcription of fifty Years, how can it be alter'd without the Conſent of every invidual Fellow, when the Mony which ariſes according to this preſent Scheme, has been the Property of him who refuſes his Conſent, and of his Predeceſſors, a longer ſpace of time than is requir'd to intitle any Perſon to the quiet poſſeſſion of an Eſtate, either in Civil or Common Law?

The next *Quære* I wou'd fain be ſatisfy'd in is this, The Stipends of the *Maſters* and *Fellows* muſt be multiply'd according to the new Scheme, by Ten; Why are the *Scholars* excluded the Increaſe of their Stipends in the proportion? Why are the three Profeſſors Stipends left out of this new Multiplication? and in ſhort, Why are the *College* Servants and Beads-men, and all thoſe who have ſtatutable Stipends, thus unfairly excluded from their Right? And if all theſe be included, as in all Equity they ought to be on the Doctors Hypotheſis of a Stipendiary Dividend, the whole Revenue of the College, without Houſe-keeping, would not diſcharge the augmented Stipends: And if the Re-

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Revenue were ſufficient to pay both, this Abſurdity ſtill would follow, that a poor Beads-Mans Place wou'd be of more value then a Fellowſhip, his Stipend being larger than that of the Doctors of Divinity, and above double the Value of that of a Maſter of Arts, ſo that when 30 of the junior Fellows receiv'd *annually* 26 *l.* 13 *s.* 4*d.* every Beads man would receive the Sum of 60 *l.* This Objection was once propos'd to the Doctor in his own Palace, who with the help of his truſty and well beloved Miniſter took it off effectually thus, *Do you think that a poor Beads-man that lives in* Yorkſhire *or* Wales *would come to* Trinity-College *and be conſtant at Prayers there for a paultry* 60 *Pounds a Year?* The Propoſer of the Objection was very much ſtartled at this Reply, and fix'd his Eyes on the Doctor, not knowing whether he was diſpos'd to Joke or no; but the aforeſaid Miniſter who made a third in the Company, thought it was his time now to interpoſe, which he did by aſſuring the Gentleman, that the Maſter had effectually taken off his Objection, and that to the beſt of his Knowledg he never heard a better Solution of any thing in his Life. The Doctor will pardon me if I take the Liberty of a ſmall Digreſſion, 'tis only to give the World an inſight into the ſurprizing Qualifications of this Chief

Miniſter of the Doctors, who ſeems plainly to deſire ſomebody or other to draw his Great Character at length in that known Paſſage of his Letter when he tells the World, *he has not room to ſay enough of him.* In compliance therefore with the Doctors Expectations I give him to underſtand, Firſt, That Mr. *A.* is as unable to do Juſtice to the Doctor's Character as the Doctor to his, therefore in a *Latin* Speech he ſumm'd up all in a few Emphatical Words, ſomething bordering on Blaſphemy, calling the Doctor *Rationem & Veritatem ipſam animatam*, a fair Proof of the Orator's great Skill in Divinity, and of his great knowledge of Dr. *B.* at the ſame time: You ſee his Talent at Encomiums, and his Gift at Satyr you would allow to be as great, if I could prevail with my ſelf to mention his Porter-like Reflection on the Biſhop of *Ely*, who deſerv'd another ſort of Uſage at his Hands: But I had almoſt forgot one of the principal Flowers in his Favourites Character, he has not only been very familiar with the Scriptures, and with the Character of my Lord Biſhop of *Ely*, but has likewiſe in expreſs Terms abus'd her Majeſty, calling her a *Superſtitious Canting Woman.* Mr. *C —r*, a Fellow of our College of unſpotted Reputation, tho' rank'd in the Herd of Beaſts by the obliging Doctor, is

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ready to prove it upon Oath; the Maſter has been often aſſur'd of the Truth of it, once at a Meeting of the Seniority, by a Letter from the worthy *Wolfran Stubbe*, our Vice-Maſter, in which he aſſures his Deputy in that Employment, that he thought himſelf oblig'd by his Allegiance to deſire that the Maſter and Seniors would be pleas'd to ſend for M. *C*--- and Mr. *A*--- and proceed againſt the latter according to the Direction of the Statute, for the Matter had taken Air, and the College might otherwiſe be Cenſur'd on that Account. The worthy *Wolfran Stubbe* ſhews his Love and Duty to her Majeſty in endeavouring to bring a Perſon to condign Puniſhment that has abus'd Her, and has likewiſe expreſs'd a tender regard for the Society of which (without that awkard Grimace of the Doctors) he is a worthy Member. And what has the mighty Doctor done in this Affair? Why out of his great Loyalty and Affection to the Queen he ſeems hitherto to have made it his buſineſs to ſtifle it. Firſt, *Mr. C. ſhould have complain'd to a Juſtice of Peace*, and not to the Maſter and Seniors; tho' our Statutes expreſsly take notice of *Crimen læſæ Majeſtatis*, and injoyn immediate Expulſion for it: And the Doctor himſelf is a Juſtice of the Peace, upon which Account as Juſtice, and Maſter of

Trinity, he was doubly oblig'd to take notice of it. Secondly, *One Witneſs was not ſufficient:* The Common-Law I think accepts of one in the Caſe of a Miſdemeanour, and Dr. *B.* may remember that he took this to be Law once, when upon the Strength of one Witneſs he proſecuted Dr. *T*—— for a ſlight Inſinuation, and in a jocular way too, of that which Mr. *A.* has openly and in expreſs Words declar'd. The Doctor may proceed as he pleaſes in this Affair, but the Publiſher of his Second Letter would do well to anſwer this Queſtion, which are the greateſt Enemies to the Government, Dr. *B.* or the Subſcribers againſt him? This Favourite of the Doctors is one of his Flowers, and if the reſt were of the ſame Complexion, we ſhould by no means envy him his Noſegay.

But the Doctor may probably think me a little too tedious in the Praiſe of his Friend, and ſo without farther Ceremony I ſhall return to him, and ſhall for his better Inſtruction lay open a few Matters of Fact in relation to the Dividends and Compoſition (of which not a Word in his Letter for good Reaſons of State) and afterwards make a Remark or two, by which it will appear to every one that does not wink very hard, that ſome Words in the Doctors Pamphlet have unjuſtly uſurp'd

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the Place of others, *viz.* That the *Good of the Society*, *the Glory of Trinity College*, with many others of the same Stamp, have very unfairly displac'd *Avarice*, *Ambition*, *Self-Interest*, *&c.* and that there is as little Reason either to alter the *Method of Dividends*, or to make a *Composition* with Doctor *B.* as there is to give him 1500 *l.* a Year.

The present Method of Dividends, the Continuation of which we contend for, may be trac'd as high as Fifty Years, according to which the Master has Six Shares to a Junior Fellow's one, which is a much greater Proportion than the Head of any other College in *Cambridge* enjoys; several Masters have but a double, others but an equal Share with a Fellow in the Division of the Overplus, even where they have a greater Quota in the Principal Money; this Proportion the Master had acquiesc'd in for 7 or 8 Years, without any Dissatisfaction that we heard of, and by his own Acceptance had added some Weight to the long Usage of it; but having gain'd his Point, *Vi & Armis*, with respect to his Lodge, (whereof in due place) he began, we suppose, to have more elevated Thoughts, and to harbour in his Breast new Designs; and what was he to do next but to find out Ways and Means of raising a Princely Revenue, answerable to his Princely Apart-

ment? So to work he went, Might and Main, ſecure of Succeſs, and not at all doubting but his ſubmiſſive Subjects wou'd give on to the End of the Chapter, and as readily grant as he cou'd demand whatever he in his Princely Wiſdom ſhou'd judge neceſſary for the Support of his new Grandeur.

Different Schemes were rais'd by him for this Purpoſe, at different Times, and upon different Foundations, ſometimes upon the Augmentation of the *Stipendium*, and at others of the *Commeatus*; ſo much of each as relates more particularly to the Buſineſs in hand I ſhall lay before the World in the Doctor's own Words.

"That whereas the Maſter's Stipend "and *Commeatus* are jointly 100 *l.* the Sti- "pend cou'd not be leſs than 80 *l.* nor the "*Commeatus* more than 20 *l.* may be prov'd "thus.

"That the annual Commons of a major "Fellow were 4 *l.* and a Noble, ſo that a "whole Meſs were no more than 17 *l.* and "a Noble; if then the Maſter's *Commeatus* "was 20 *l.* he was above a whole Meſs of "Fellows, which is higher than is now "reckon'd upon any Exceedings at Feſti- "vals. Again, the Stipend of each of the "Three Profeſſors, *Divinity*, *Hebrew* and "*Greek*, while not in the College, is 40 *l.* "*per Annum*, but if they dwell in the Col- "leg

" lege they are to pay 6 *l. per Annum* for
" *Commeatus*, now 40 : 6 : : 100 : 15 :
" ſo that by this Proportion the Maſter's
" *Commeatus* is but 15 *l.* and the Stipend
" 85 *l.*

The Tendency of this will be more clearly explain'd by that which follows, which made its publick Appearance about *Michaelmas* laſt; what we ſhall now mention is only One or Two Paragraphs, part of a larger Treatiſe, the main Deſign whereof was to explode the old, and introduce a new Method of Dividends, upon the Stipendiary Foot, according to Academical Degrees, by the Multiplication of the Stipend by the ſame common Number, Ten.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
" Each Maſter of Arts, his Stipend being 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* ſhall receive for his Dividend	26	13	4
" Each Batchelor of Divinity, his Stipend 4 *l.*	40	00	0
" A Doctor of Law or Phyſick	45	00	0
" Each Doctor of Divinity, his Stipend 5 *l.*	50	00	0

" And becauſe the Maſter's *Stipendium* and *Commeatus* are join'd in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, and the Proportion of the one to the other cannot be exactly and unqueſtionably determin'd, tho' *upon all Accounts* the Stipend may be preſum'd to have been 80 *l.* of the Sum, yet

" the Master, for the *Ease of the College, is*
" *content for himself and Successors* to reckon
" the Stipend no higher than those of the
" *Divinity*, *Hebrew* and *Greek* Professors are
" appointed in our Statutes, so that the Ma-
" ster's Stipend being Forty Pounds, he
" shall receive Four Hundred.

In this Scheme was the bitter Potion, that spoil'd the more agreeable part of the Draught; 400 *l.* for the Master's Dividend was not to be easily swallow'd; but as it was offer'd upon a Claim that sometime or other might swell it to 800 *l.* it reliſh'd the worse. What was to be done in this Case? Must the governing part of the College be traduc'd as a Sett of *lazy Drones* and *worthless Wretches*, or else consent to these exorbitant *French* Demands, which in the largest Extent make the Master equal in his Dividend to Thirty Fellows, *M. A.* exactly half of us in Number, thirty times 26 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* making just 800 *l.*? Let all the World judge whether this Doctor had not an Eye to his own Advantage, and not to that of the Junior Fellows, which he seems to espouse with unusual Warmth.

After this Demand had been for some Time on foot, the Master endeavour'd to strengthen the Reputation of it by Subscriptions, (for he was the first Aggressor in that Point) and carry'd them on as far as they

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wou'd go, but both Sums ſeem'd to moſt highly extravagant, and even the leſſer very precariouſly ſettled, *viz.* upon the Maſter's being (at preſent) content with it for *himſelf and Succeſſors*; but ſuppoſe he himſelf ſhou'd continue in this Contentment of Mind, how cou'd he anſwer for his Succeſſors? were they right or wrong, to ſubmit to his Determination? Moſt undoubtedly not; ſo the Upſhot was, That he and his Managers cou'd never get above Eight Hands, all of ſuch as were much under the Seniority, and the greateſt part of thoſe few were either Tutors, who muſt blindly obey, or expect no Favour, or elſe Batchelor-Fellows, ſcarcely of a Month's ſtanding, liable by our Statutes to a ſecond Examination and Approbation, before they cou'd be ſaid to be truly and properly Fellows, and therefore may be thought almoſt as proper Judges of a Controverſy between the Maſter and Seniors, as juſt ſo many *Gentlemen of the Temple*, and yet 6 of this ſort, now only *Inceptors in Arts*, are ſet forth with great Oſtentation in the Catalogue of Non-ſubſcribers; none of theſe were ſo much as ask'd their Aſſent to our Subſcriptions; and this we do and dare affirm, That ſeveral of them, and many of thoſe others who do not appear for us, are not againſt us, nay, that in their Hearts they are truly with us.

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During the slow Progress of the above-mention'd Scheme, the Master, *quantum mutatus!* made a lucky Discovery, That he had been all this while upon a wrong Scent, and that in the Division of the 100 *l.* *pro Comm. & Stip.* the *Stipendium* cou'd be only 20 *l.* and consequently that his Dividend ought to be no more than 200 *l.* Upon this new Illumination new Measures were to be taken, and as the *Stipendium* had been put to the Rack before, now the *Commeatus* was to be brought to the Question, and forc'd to say whatever this great *Tortor Verborum* wou'd have it, and immediately out came the following Papers.

" Proposals for an amicable Settlement
" of Dividends, and all Dues and Claims
" of the Mastership.

" A Dividend upon the statutable Foot
" of Academical Degrees may be thus for
" this present Year.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
" Master,	200	00	0
" 5 Doctors of Divinity, each 50 *l.*	250	00	0
" 8 Batchelors of Divinity, each 40 *l.*	320	00	0
" 1 Doctor in Law,	045	00	0
" 44 Masters of Arts, each 26 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*	1173	00	0
" 1 Biblioth.	20	00	0
" 4 Sacellani, each 10 *l.*	40	00	0

" Add

	l.	s.	d.
" Add to make up the Masters of Arts of the Seniority each 50 *l.*	126	13	4

" Upon this Supposition of 200 *l.* only for a whole Dividend to the Master, *query* what general Composition will be offer'd for all other Dues.

" Salary,	104	00	0
" Stable,	60	00	0
" *Extra-coes, viz.* the present Augmentation of his Commons.	41	12	0
" *Commeatus* for 3 Servants,	30	00	0
" Stipend for 3 Servants,	8	00	0
" Old Composition for Chandler's Bills,	10	00	0
" Composition for Garden,	2	00	0

" Bread, Beer, Ale, Meal, Wood, Coals, Turff, Sedge, Pigeon-House, Pewter, Linnen, Furniture, Goods and Linnen for the Judges.

Another Paper.

" *Stipend. Lib. Comm.*	104	00	0
" 3 Servants, *Stip. Lib. Com.*	38	00	0
" Coals, Candle, Sedge, Turff, Wood,	108	00	0
" *Extra-coes*; Pewter, Linnen, *&c.*	200	00	0
" Stable,	100	00	0
" Pandoxator,	140	00	0
	700	00	0

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Another Paper.

	l.	s.	d.
" That hereafter the Senior Burſar pay annually to the Maſter for *Stipendium, Liberatura*, and *Commeatus*,	104	00	0
" 3 Servants,	38	00	0
" Compoſition for Coal, Wood, Charcoal, Sedge and Turff,	108	00	0
" Junior Burſar for Stables,	100	00	0
" Steward for *Extra-cons.*, *Audit* Expences, Brawn, Maſter's Quota's in Feſtivals, Pewter, Linnen, Furniture in Movables for the Lodge, Garden, Chandler's Bills,	200	00	0
" Pandoxator for Bread, Beer, Meal, Bran,	150	00	0
	700	00	0

Theſe Papers are variouſly modify'd, but have all the ſame Tendency, and 700 *l. per Annum* is the Burden of the Song. *Rem ſi poſſis rectè, ſi non, quocunq; modo Rem.* And now tho' there were ſome ſecret Repinings at the dangerous Conſequence, (whereof more hereafter) of this new model'd Claim, yet all Things went on ſwimmingly for 4 or 5 Days, and the Maſter undoubtedly thought he had gain'd his Cauſe, and boaſt-

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ngly said before some of the chief of the University, That by a nice Calculation his Dues, (not including Dividend, Sealing-Money, Commencement-Money, Chamber-Rents) came to 762 *l.* but that for the Ease of a good-natur'd complying Society, he had generously forgiven them the odd Sum, and was content to accept of 700 *l.*

At length came on the fatal Day, the 21th of *December*, when the Master and Seniors met to state the College Accounts, and determin the Matters in Dispute. After a long Harangue in Commendation of himself and his Projects, he offer'd the latter to 'em, as the product of deep Reach and long Meditation; but not one concurring Vote could be got, and 'twas declar'd to be unreasonable; that what he had been (as he said) some Years a digesting, should be crudely taken and swallow'd by them in fewer Minutes; so to his great surprize they were *nemine contradicente* rejected. All this was done without the least interposition of the Incendiary Mr. *Miller*, either by Word or Deed. He came to the College late that Evening, when the Scene of Action was over, as can be attested by a Cloud of Witnesses, against any false Assertions to the contrary. And he himself does not pretend to any share in the Honour which is wholly due to the Seniors, for the brave Stand they that Day made.

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Indeed in the heat of the Conference, one of the Eight desir'd the Master to propose the Dividend on the Foot of Academical Degrees singly, and to put off the Debate upon his Compositions to another Meeting; but this he refused to do, and both must go down, or none. And thus the boasted Project of *raising the Honour* of the Society, by advancing the Rewards of Learning and Industry, and whereby he himself was a considerable Gainer, must be lost unless another could have succeeded, where of himself was to reap the sole Advantage. Thus had this mighty *Fighter with Beasts* at Ephesus, a secret liking to something of the Place; and Interest, the Great *Diana* of the *Ephesians*, Interest, was the Idol he Wor shipp'd!

Towards the conclusion several Threats of a Visitor, of the Queen and Council, &c. one out of Holy Scripture was strangly ap ply'd, *Deut.* 30. 15. *See I have set before you this Day, Life and Good, and Death and Evil.*

And when he perceiv'd nothing would prevail, he gave them a home Stroke at parting, in the following Expression, *From this time, Gentlemen, take leave of all Peace and Quiet in Trinity College*; and surely the World must allow that the *Peace* of the College was now really and truly, and

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without a Metaphor disturb'd; and that from this Minute there lay not only a Right, but a Necessity of Addressing our Complaints to the Visitor. Had we Peacably Acquiesced at this Juncture, the *Torpor* and *Desidia* of the College would have never been the Subject of a railing Accusation; no, we might have Slept on, and taken our Rest undisturb'd for ever after.

This is a short, but true Relation of some Matters of Fact, which can be attested by the Oaths or Subscriptions of all such as were concern'd therein; and as there are several Things remarkable in the Course and Consequence of these Proceedings, we shall conclude with a few short Observations upon them.

One Observation may be made on the strange changeableness of some Sorts of Demonstration. One while it was clear as the Day, that the Masters Stipendium was 85 *l.* Another while it was laid down as an infallible Truth, that upon all Accounts it might be presum'd to have been 80. tho' for the ease of the College it was to be reckon'd but at 40. Soon after the Wind turn'd again, and then it could be but 20, and accordingly the Changes must have been long in his Dividend. 850, 800, 400, 200. *l.* *Quo teneam* —— *Nodo!*

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Another Obſervation may be made on the violent and unworthy Methods the Maſter made uſe of in compaſſing his Deſigns. The Vice-Maſter was threatn'd with being diſplac'd, others of the upper part of the Society with Admonition in order to Expulſion, and another with Tranſportation, as he expreſs'd it, unleſs they ſpeedily came into his Meaſures. To Day he declar'd ſuch and ſuch ſhould never be Seniors, and 2 or three Days after thoſe very Perſons were careſs'd with fair Speeches. The firſt of 'em was promis'd forthwith to be choſen a Senior, and to make room for him the ſenior Fellowſhip of Mr. *H* ——, one for many Years *non Compos*, was all of a ſudden, by the Maſter's ſole Authority, declared void. If it was voidable now, it was certainly ſo long before, and ought not to have been kept in *Petto* to help on at a dead Lift. The other Perſon was aſſured, that Mr. *Mayor*, another Senior, was very Ill, and could not live nine Days, and that upon his Death he ſhould be Elected into the Vacancy. Theſe were to be Voters in the grand Point under Debate; and ſo were, *nunc prece*, *nunc pretio*, *nunc vi*, to be brought over to his Side. Some of a lower Station were branded with Marks of Infamy and Diſgrace, and ſuch as were never before inflicted on Fellows of our Col-

College. Covering of Names, when 'tis uſed, is only a Puniſhment for thoſe who are under Tuition; but ſuch *Vigour, Reſolution and Art* were indeed requiſite to raiſe his Revenue in ſo ſhort a time to ſo high a Pitch.

A third Thing obſervable may be this, That if Dr. *B.* had quietly carry'd his Point, the World would have loſt a Maſter-Piece of moſt Unchriſtian Rhetorick, the preſent Objects of his Anger and Indignation would have been every thing that is Good and Praiſe-worthy: *All had been well, πάντα καλὰ, and a Golden Age to him*, in a literal Senſe, had ſucceeded; but as the Reverſe happen'd, how are the Men alter'd? As if the Vertues or Vices of particular Perſons were any thing to the Merits of the Queſtion, whether Dr. *B.* ought to have 500 or 1500 *l. per Annum* out of the College Eſtate. This we deſire may be ſeriouſly conſider'd, and impartially anſwer'd by the Doctor's greateſt Admirers: The Cauſe muſt doubtleſs in itſelf be very juſt and Reaſonable, and the End of it highly laudable, that can even excuſe ſuch extraordinary Means of gaining it ſucceſs. If it was ſo Commendable, why were not the ſeveral Plans of it expoſed to the general view of all? Were they more reaſonable in

Writing than in Print? No certainly, bu
if these Plans had appear'd abroad in thei
proper Colours, the World must have bee
forced to confess, that private, and not pub
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and that the Conscientious Observer of ou
Statutes in some Cases, is not so in all. *Ma
gister Rei Collegii ita administret, ut no
suum, sed commune solum commodum quæra
vindicetur: Neq; gratia in Causis cognoscend
dispensandisq; neque Odio, neque ulli Ani
perturbationi pareat; sed Equitatem, ut doctu
semper sequatur.* The unprejudic'd part
Mankind by a perusal of these Papers wi
soon discover how punctually the Docto
has comply'd with this part of his Duty,
well as others of greater Consequence.

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justify the opposition that was made to i
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per Annum Composition; and upon suppo
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rity more sufficient than our own; for if the old Measure of Dividends made by and consented to among our selves ever since the Restauration, should now be chang'd at Pleasure; how cou'd we be secure that any new one of the same Settlement could be long obligatory? And 'tis a lasting and honourable, not a precarious Peace, that we then earnestly desir'd, and do still contend for.

Next let us suppose the Tack singly had taken effect; the Master would then have had 700 *l. per annum*, besides Sealing and Commencement Mony, tho' absent in any part of the World: Whereas an absent Fellow of the highest Degree would have had but 7 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and of the lowest but 4 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* (Dividend to neither included) a disproportion so unreasonable at first sight, that it wants no artificial Gloss *ad Augendam Invidiam*. Besides, as the Case would then have stood, the Master would have been in little need of a Dividend. Seven hundred and thirty or forty Pound a Year in hard Mony, without Taxes, Repairs, Losses by Tenants, *&c.* would have been a noble Income, and preferable to a Gentleman's Estate of 1000 *l.* a Year. So it was not improbable, that, the present End gain'd, the College might have

taken its leave of *Dividends* as well as *Peace*, for the future; or at best must have accepted 'em upon such further Compliances and Submissions, as the Conqueror would have imposed.

The Truth is, the Concession of this Composition-project would have been an absolute Establishment of Arbitrary Power. If the Master's Estate must be rais'd, the increasing his Dividend in due proportion to a Fellows, would be safest to the whole Society; for then his own Interest wou'd oblige him to consent to a frequency of them, or upon his dissent he must, *pro rata portione*, be a sufferer with a Fellow.

If these were the Consequences of the intended Innovations, and such we are fully persuaded they were; ought those who oppos'd 'em to have been represented in the blackest Characters, that virulent Malice cou'd draw? We boldly dare pronounce in the Negative. The Seniors, who by an unanimous and resolute Dissent put a stop to 'em, did nothing but their Duty: And the Juniors, who talk'd against 'em, are very unjustly call'd, and were more unjustly Punish'd, as Authors of Sedition, Detraction and Dissention. When the Master propos'd his Schemes of Alterations in common to all the Fellows, (which

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by the way was a very high Indignity put upon the Seniority, who are in all Cases his proper Councellors) if those who fell in with his Notions had a liberty of speaking for, or subscribing to 'em; others surely, who were of contrary Sentiments had an equal Right to the same Liberty of declaring their Minds, without being look'd upon as reflecting on his Person, and dangerous to his Government. But if the Case be otherwise, into what Times are we fallen? Most certainly not those of the good and mild *Augustus*, *Tu — Augusti laudes agnoscere posses?* 'Twas under a *Cæsar* of a quite different Nature, when Freedom in Conversation was Criminal.

Thus have we in as few Lines as possible drawn up a true State and Representation of our Case; we have heartily wish'd all along that our Differences might have been ended, by the just Application of the contending Parties to the proper Authority; nor did we on our side ever refuse to close with any Motion of that nature: Therefore those of the Seniority who were present at the last grand Conference do publickly and solemnly protest, That what is asserted by Dr. *B. p.* 81. *l.* 37. of his Letter to have been laid before them, was not so at that time: If it was done at another, which they do not remember, 'tis nothing to the present

ſent Purpoſe, ſince he by frequent Propoſals of new Articles, had utterly deſtroy'd both the Letter and Spirit of the foregoing Pacifick Clauſe.

This indeed, without their Proteſtation, muſt have been look'd upon by the leaſt attentive Reader of the preceding Pages to have been an After-birth, (to ſay no worſe of it) or a ſpecious Overture of Accommodation, thruſt into the World when the Day of Battel was over, on purpoſe to give himſelf the Character of a Lover of Peace, and caſt the *Odium* of a contentious Spirit upon his Oppoſers; for if the diſputable Diviſion of the 100 *l.* was at laſt to be referr'd to *proper Arbitration*, why, thro' the whole Length of this Diſpute, from the very beginning to the laſt Minute of it, did he, according to the Changeableneſs of his own Will and Pleaſure, ſometimes determine the *Stipendium* at one Sum, ſometimes at another? What meant the ſtated and repeated Demand of one and the ſame Sum for a Compoſition of the *Commeatus*? We indeed muſt own our ſelves here at a Loſs and unable to reconcile the Inconſiſtency of this double Dealing; this is a *Nodus* worthy the Penetration of Dr. *B.* to unravel, and ſo we fairly leave it with him.

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I shall now take my Leave of the Doctor, not in the least doubting but I shall see him very handsomly manag'd within a little Time by a Pen much better than mine, I mean that of the ingenious Mr. *Miller*, a Gentleman whom Doctor *B.* has taken a great deal of Freedom to abuse, if the Doctor's Words may pass for such, *which I believe they would hardly do in any Jury of Twelve of his own Profession.* But however he may think or speak of Mr. *Miller*, I am sure the greater part of the Society of *Trinity-College* have a just Sense of that honest and hearty Warmth he has express'd in putting a seasonable Stop to Tyranny and Oppression: I am sure the Society is in Proportion as much oblig'd to him, as the whole Nation to the late King, for interposing at the Critical Minute of our Deliverance; and most of the Members will be glad of any Opportunity to express their Gratitude to him on this Account. I think there can be no occasion of apologizing for any seemingly harsh Expressions, and am apt to fancy the Reader will rather wonder how I could keep so much Temper, having such Provocation, and such an Example as the Doctor's. I am sure that Gentleman wou'd have a very unreasonable Task enjoin'd him, who shou'd be oblig'd to stand the Mark of a Porter

ter ſcattering Dirt and Ordure about him
and be forc'd to uſe no other Weapons bu
brisk Raillery or genteel Reparees. Doctor
B. muſt write like a Gentleman if he expect
to be us'd with the *Decorum* due to one o
that Character; nor muſt that Man wh
fights only with a Cudgel, think he has bee
rudely dealt withal, if his Head be brok

FINIS.